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Family MATTERS

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GAH!
AND THIRD--
--NOBODY CALLS ME "BOOMER" ANYMORE!
BOOM!
NO, THEY CALL YOU "ROTOR" NOW, YOU IMPOSTER!
YOU... AREN'T THERE ANY-MORE?
ACK!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO MESS AROUND WITH YOU!

LOOK...

...WHATEVER PROBLEM YOU HAVE WITH ME CAN WAIT.

WHOOP!

MY HERD-- MY *FAMILY*-- ARE SLAVES TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

OTHER LIVES ARE AT RISK?

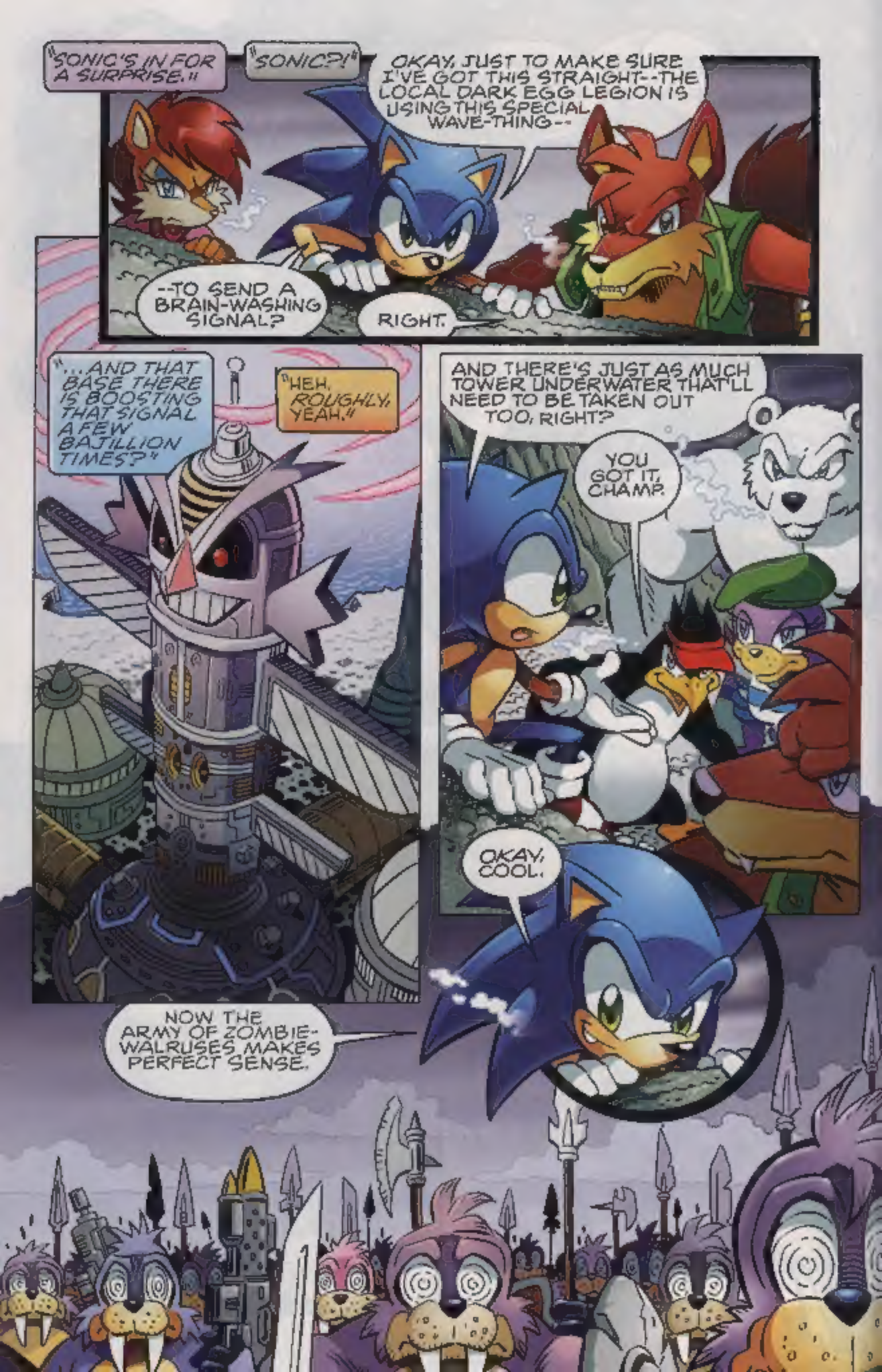
THEY NEED ME, AND THIS MAY BE THE *LAST TIME* I GET TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

HUNDREDS IN MY HERD, THOUSANDS IN THE NORTHERN TUNDRA ALONE.

PLEASE.

I WILL HELP RESCUE YOUR HERD.

OKAY, THEN...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--TO SEND A BRAIN-WASHING SIGNAL?
RIGHT.
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"HEH, ROUGHLY, YEAH."
AND THERE'S JUST AS MUCH TOWER UNDERWATER THAT'LL NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT TOO, RIGHT?
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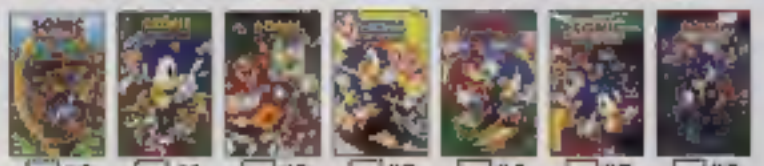

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BZZZZZ!
THIS IS IT, SEALIA!
YOU AND YOUR TEAM WILL TAKE CARE OF THE UNDER-WATER TOWER.
OUI, MON CAPITAINE!
CAREFUL DOWN THERE, GUYS. YOUR BRAND OF DARK EGG LEGIONNAIRES SOUNDS NASTY.
MEH, THEY'RE JUST ORCAS. WHAT'S SO SCARY ABOUT "KILLER WHALES"?
I LIKE THEIR STYLE.
WE'VE GOT A GOOD GROUP OF FOLKS.
IF WE'RE DONE BEING ALL SNUGGLY-FRIENDLY, CAN WE MAKE OUR MOVE?
YEAH!
TIME TO DO THAT HERO THANG!

...IF THEY LET US.
SORRY!
BADNIKS I CAN SMASH.
I DON'T MIND KNOCKING A FEW LEGION HEADS TOGETHER.
BUT THE HERD IS INNOCENT!
HNHF!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE TRYING TO TAKE DOWN THAT TOWER! TO FREE THESE POOR PEOPLE...
...ONCE AND FOR ALL!
I GET THAT, BUT IT DOESN'T HELP THINGS N-OW!!
SKEETER!
MISSUS WALRUS! ER...ROTOR'S MOM!
LADY!
IT'S ME-- SONIC!

I'M ROTOR'S BEST FRIEND!

HERO OF MOBIUS!

TOO GOOD-LOOKING TO GET PUMMELED!

C'MON, SNAP OUT OF IT!

CLONK

WOW! YOU CAN DO THAT INVISIBLE THING, TOO?

I'M AN *ERMINE!*

...DOES THAT MAKE YOU A NINJA?

FOCUS, HEDGEHOG! EITHER HELP, OR GET OUT OF THE WAY!

I HOPE THE OTHER TEAM IS HAVING A BETTER TIME THAN US.

MEANWHILE..
LIKE I WAS SAYING--
THE ONLY THREATENING THING ABOUT YOU GUYS IS YOUR NAME!
ZAT'S IT! I AM SO, HOW YOU SAY, PRONE AND DEFENSE LESS!
ZUT ALORS!
SOK!
WHO LET THAT POLAR BEAR LOOSE? HEE HEE HEE!

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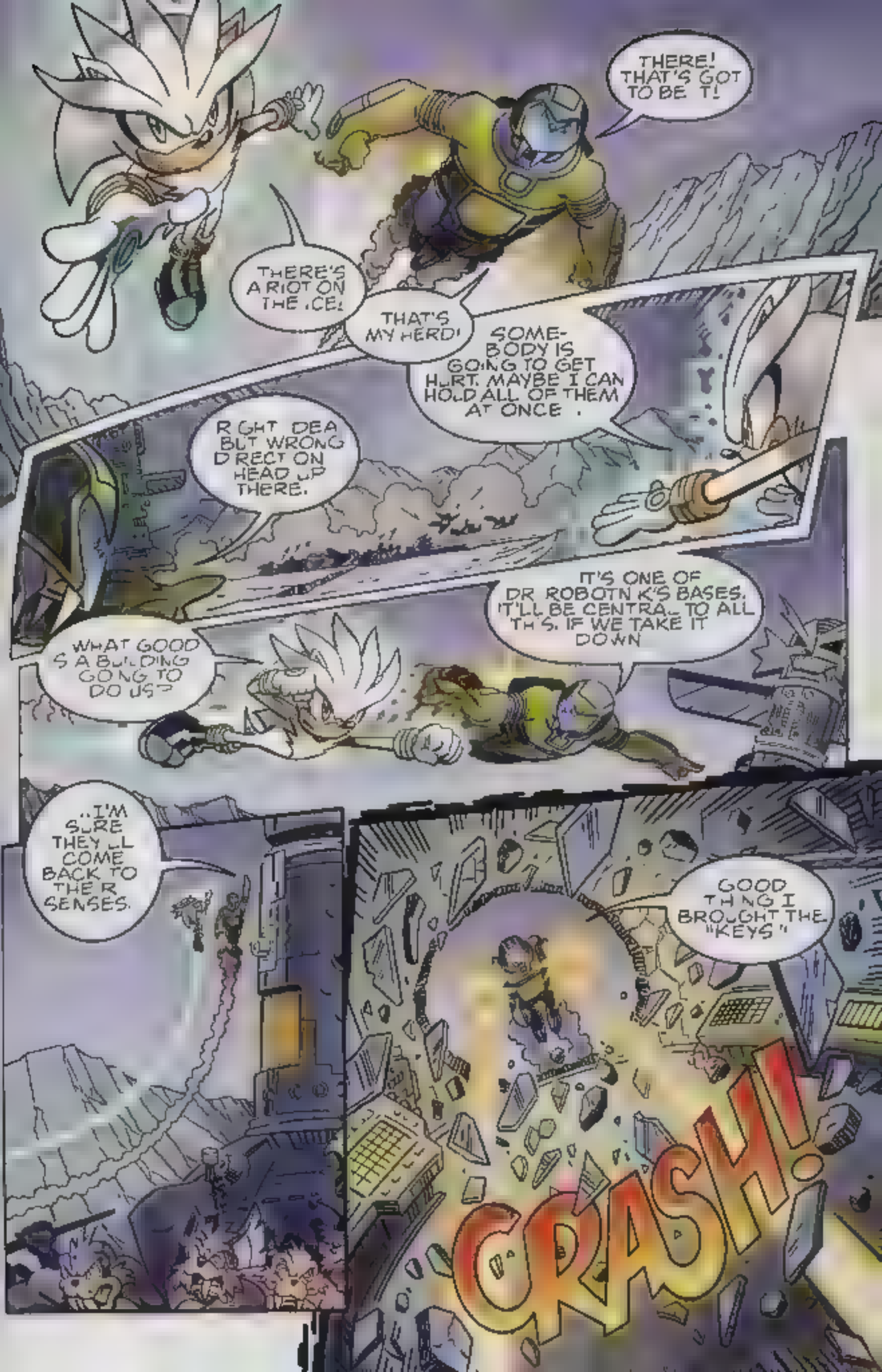
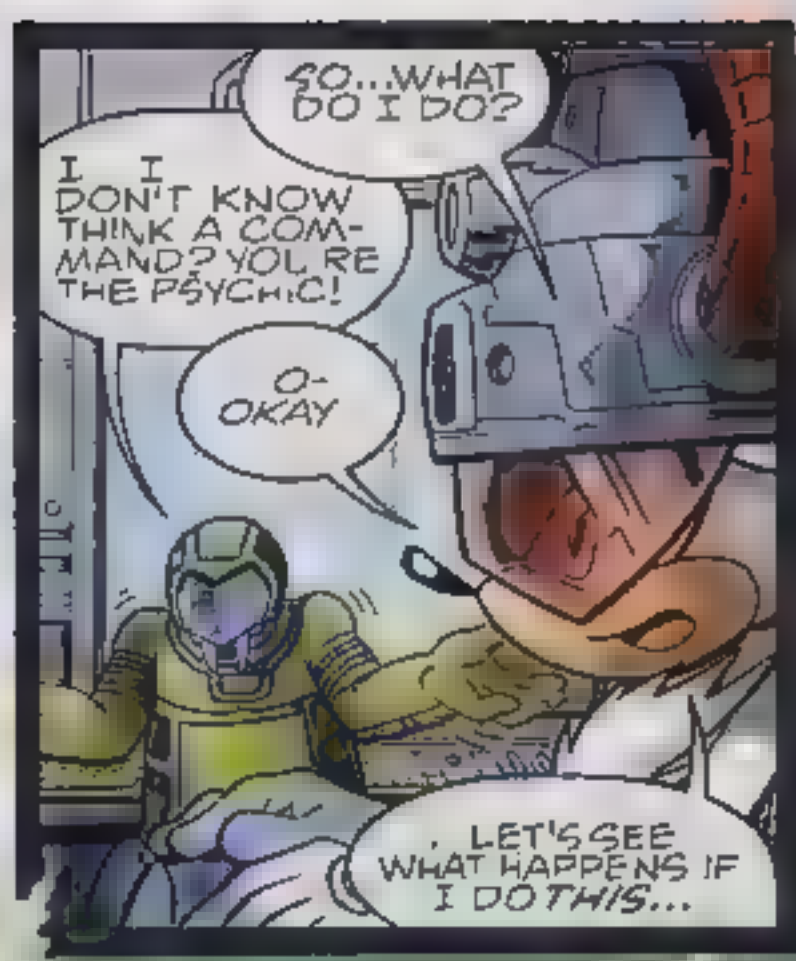
SO FAR, SO GOOD.
OUI! AUGUSTUS, WE'LL COVER YOU WHILE YOU GET A BREATH, AND ZEN WE WEEL PRESS ZE ATTACK.
I THINK NOT
AUGH !!!
DO YOU LIKE THAT? IT'S MY OWN PATENTED COMBINATION OF SONAR AND PSYCHIC ENERGIES.
IT CAN BE BE USED EXPLOSIVELY, AS YOU JUST EXPERIENCED, OR FOCUSED --LIKE SO!
KER PAAH!!!

YOU PATHETIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE WASTING YOUR TIME. THE TERRITORIAL WARS BETWEEN THE ORCA AND THE WALRUSES IS AS OLD AS THE TIDES.
LONG HAVE WE USED OUR SONAR TO CONFUSE THE WALRUSES. LONG HAVE WE MADE THEM PRONE TO DR. ROBOTNIK'S DEVICES.
NOW, AS PART OF HIS DARK EGG LEGION, THERE IS NO TURNING THINGS BACK.
SPLANG
THE NORTHERN TUNDRA BELONGS TO THE EGGMAN. THE NORTHERN SEAS ARE MINE TO RULE IN HIS STEAD.
AND THE HERD WILL REMAIN OUR SLAVES.
FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES! HAHAHA HA!


THERE! THAT'S GOT TO BE IT!
THERE'S A RIOT ON THE ICE!
THAT'S MY HERD!
SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GET HURT. MAYBE I CAN HOLD ALL OF THEM AT ONCE.
RIGHT IDEA BUT WRONG DIRECTION. HEAD UP THERE.
IT'S ONE OF DR. ROBOTNIK'S BASES. IT'LL BE CENTRAL TO ALL THIS. IF WE TAKE IT DOWN
WHAT GOOD IS A BUILDING GOING TO DO US?
...I'M SURE THEY'LL COME BACK TO THEIR SENSES.
GOOD THING I BROUGHT THE "KEYS."
CRASH!

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S RUNNING ON THE STANDARD EggOS SYSTEM. I CAN HACK THIS IN MERE MINUTES -- BUT TO DO WHAT?
S THIS MPORTANT?
LET ME PULL UP ITS FILE. YES! YES-YES-YES!
WHAT?
IT S ..
A NEURAL INTERFACE FOR DIRECT MENTAL CONTROL!
UH
MEANING?
ROBOTNIK COULD USE TH S TO CONTROL THE HERD W TH HIS OWN M ND! T'S SICK BUT THAT MEANS WE CAN REACH EVERYONE WITH ONE FELL SWOOP!
AND YOU'RE A PSYCHIC!
WE ... YEAH BUT MY POWERS ARE MOSTLY TELEK NET C I M NOT MUCH OF A TELEPATH I MEAN...
.. I CAN GIVE SOMEBODY A HEADACHE, BUT..
EGGMAN HAS NO PSYCHIC POWERS AND IT WOULD WORK FOR HIM. DO YOU WANT TO HELP EVERYONE OR NOT?

I'LL TRY FOR THEM
THANK YOU. NOW-- I'VE HACKED INTO THE CONTROLS, TURNING THE SIGNAL TO MAXIMUM.


SO...WHAT DO I DO?
I DON'T KNOW I THINK A COMMAND? YOU'RE THE PSYCHIC!
O-OKAY
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO THIS...

YOU BACK WITH US, BUDDY?
..ALL I REMEMBER IS EAR SPLITTING WHALE SONGS.
WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO Y'KNOW,
..BASH MY HEAD IN ANYMORE
WHAT
BOOM!
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN
THE UNDER-TOWER!
THE OTHERS DID IT.
AND I THINK I KNOW
..WHO WE HAVE TO THANK FOR IT ALL
HEH HEH...HI EVERYBODY. SONIC, YOU KNOW SILVER, RIGHT?
WE'VE MET
WHAT HAPPENED TO "I BELONG ON THE COUNCIL, I DON'T ADVENTURE ANYMORE, WAH WAH-WAH"?
EH, LONG STORY.
LET'S JUST KEEP IT BETWEEN US, OKAY?

LATER, IN ICEBOROUGH..

AND JUST AS I WAS THINKING WE WERE DONE FOR

...THEN AKHLUT TOTALLY FLIPS OUT!

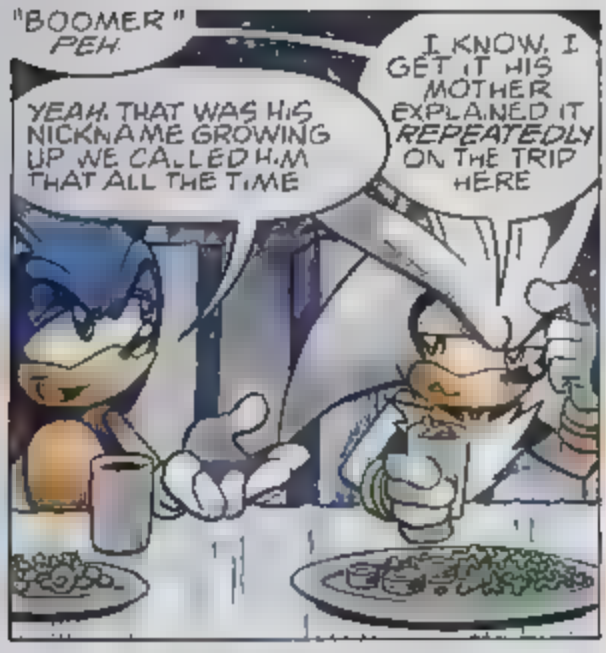
THE WHOLE LEGION CHAPTER SWAM OFF RUNNING INTO EACH OTHER THE WHOLE TIME I DON'T THINK THEY KNEW WHICH WAY WAS UP.

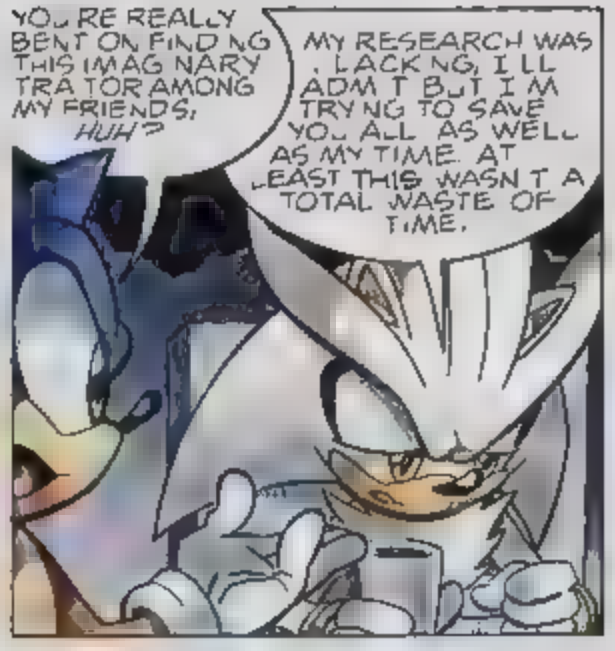
IF THE R SONAR WAS LINKED TO THAT PSONIC AMPLIFIER, THEN SILVER'S PSYCHIC WAVE MUST HAVE HIT THEM EXTRA HARD.

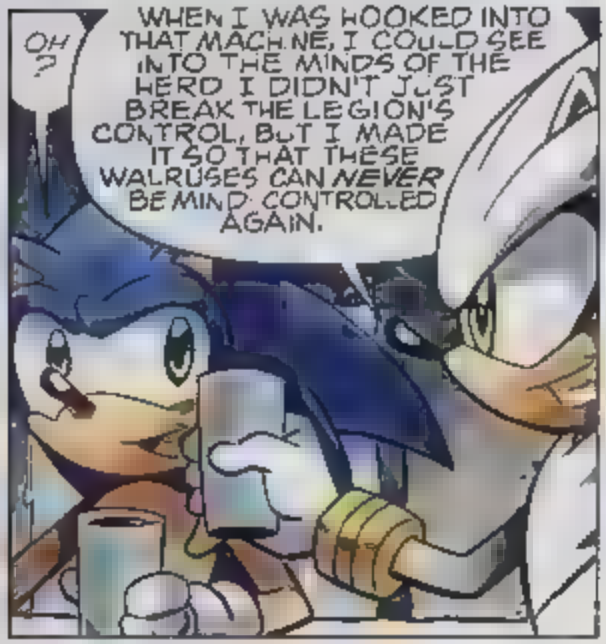
MY BRILLIANT BOY A FREEDOM FIGHTER AT HEART AND HELPING TO RUN MOBOTROPOLIS. YOUR FATHER WOULD BE SO PROUD. I KNOW I AM

THANKS MOM.

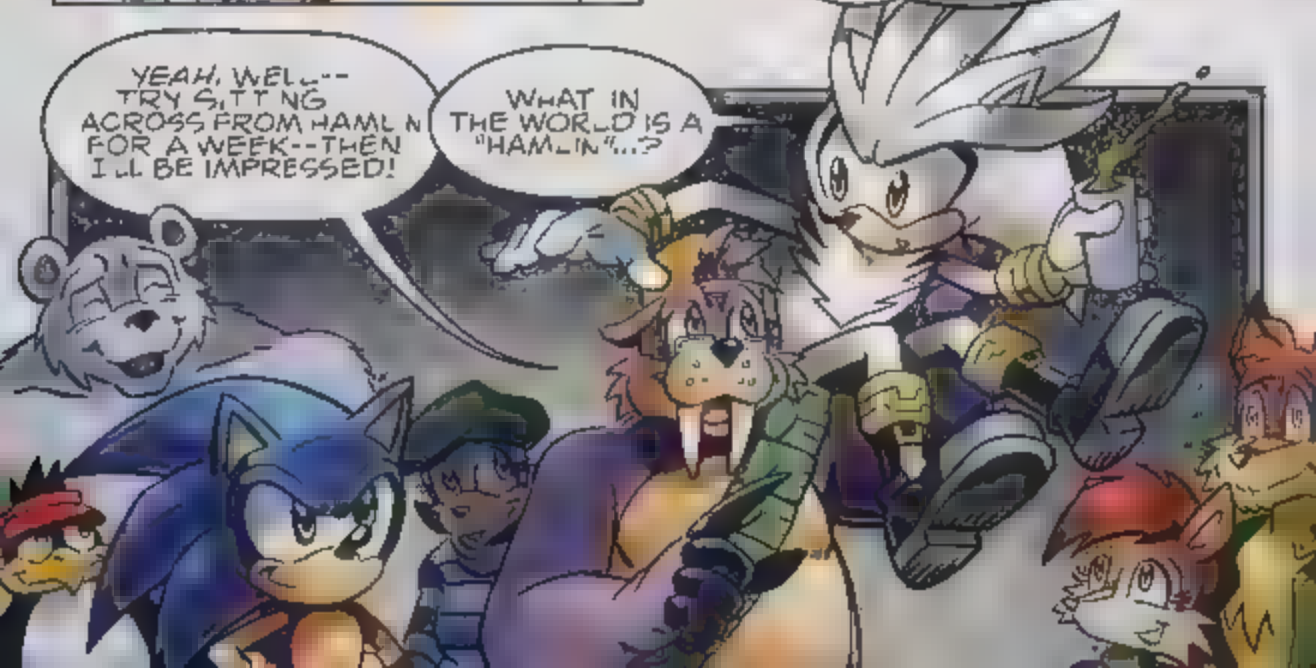
YEAH- AND THAT- ROBOT- SUIT- WAS- SO-COOL- CAN-I-TRY- IT ON- BOOMER?!


"BOOMER" PEH.
YEAH. THAT WAS HIS NICKNAME GROWING UP. WE CALLED HIM THAT ALL THE TIME.
I KNOW. I GET IT. HIS MOTHER EXPLAINED IT REPEATEDLY ON THE TRIP HERE.


YOU'RE REALLY BENT ON FINDING THIS IMAGINARY TRAITOR AMONG MY FRIENDS, HUH?
MY RESEARCH WAS LACKING, I'LL ADMIT. BUT I'M TRYING TO SAVE YOU ALL AS WELL AS MY TIME. AT LEAST THIS WASN'T A TOTAL WASTE OF TIME.


OH?
WHEN I WAS HOOKED INTO THAT MACHINE, I COULD SEE INTO THE MINDS OF THE HERD. I DIDN'T JUST BREAK THE LEGION'S CONTROL, BUT I MADE IT SO THAT THESE WALRUSES CAN NEVER BE MIND CONTROLLED AGAIN.

CLINK
OKAY, THAT IS PRETTY DARN COOL.
THANKS.


YEAH, WELL-- TRY SITTING ACROSS FROM HAMLIN FOR A WEEK--THEN I'LL BE IMPRESSED!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A "HAMLIN"...?

the SONIC SPIN

it's like DVD commentary, only not so much!

BRRRRRRR...is it cold in this comic book or is it just me?

I mean, it's bad enough that Silver's got it out for Rotor, but cyborg killer whales have enslaved his family?? That's gotta send a shiver up his poor, damaged spine. But y'know what? It looks like our tusked hero has decided that enough is enough, and what better way to heat things up than with a brand new, most-awesomely-armored battle suit?!

Rotor's battle suit was originally designed by the latest addition to the Sonic art team, the bombastic Ben Bates! Ben did a tremendous job in capturing the right look for a fresh, sleek new take on the character (later to be affectionately titled "Iron Rotor" here in Archie-land), whom penciller-supreme Steven Butler has truly brought to life. Check out a few of Ben's earlier designs - all of which could still make an appearance in battle! Hey man, *shrugs* it's NANITES.

Your ever-enthusiastic-editorial-escort, Paul 8/10

P.S - Jon, you can STOP pitching your 2-part "Bivalve's family is ALSO enslaved" story arc this instant.

P.P.S - On a personal note, I'd like to thank Mike for the kind words last issue, and especially all the freelancers & fans who gave so many kind words of support and encouragement during the editorial transition! Get ready for a wild ride, guys n' gals.

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LOOK, SALLY! THEY'RE BACK! HEY! OVER HERE!

HEY, AMY. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

TAILS! DID EVERYTHING GO ALL RIGHT

ON COCOA ISLAND?

OH, IT WAS AN ADVENTURE *

I'LL TELL YOU LATER

*DON'T MISS IT IN SONIC UNIVERSE 17 - 20: "THE TAILS ADVENTURE"!

WELL REST UP QUICK. THE VACATION'S OVER AND I'LL NEED YOU AND SONIC FOR A MISSION

ME? WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT LI'L OL' ME?

WHAT INDEED? COME BACK *NEXT TIME* FOR AN *ALL-NEW ADVENTURE!* THERE WILL BE *ACTION, SURPRISE REVELATIONS,* AND *RABBITS! LOTS OF RABBITS!* COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR *"THICKER THAN WATER!"*

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PART TWO

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200 YEARS FROM NOW

ONYX ISLAND.

BRIN-DING!

WELL, THAT WAS EMBARRASSING. .

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I WAS WRONG ABOUT THE TRAITOR AGAIN, IN FRONT OF HIS MOTHER, NO LESS.

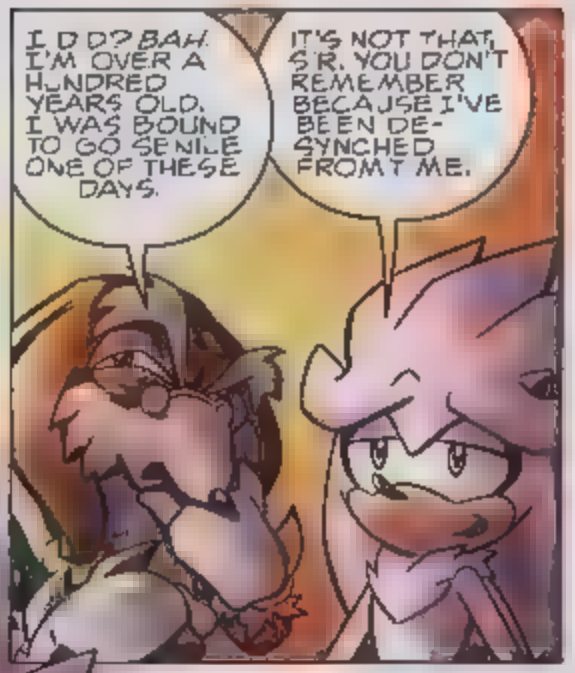
WHO'S THAT? WHO'S COME TO MY ISLAND?

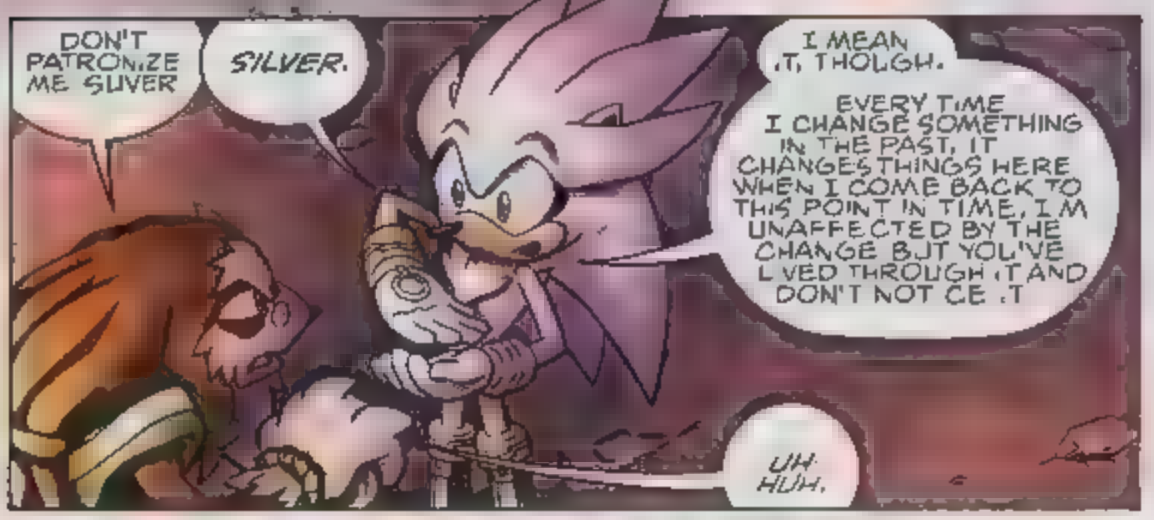
FWOOMP

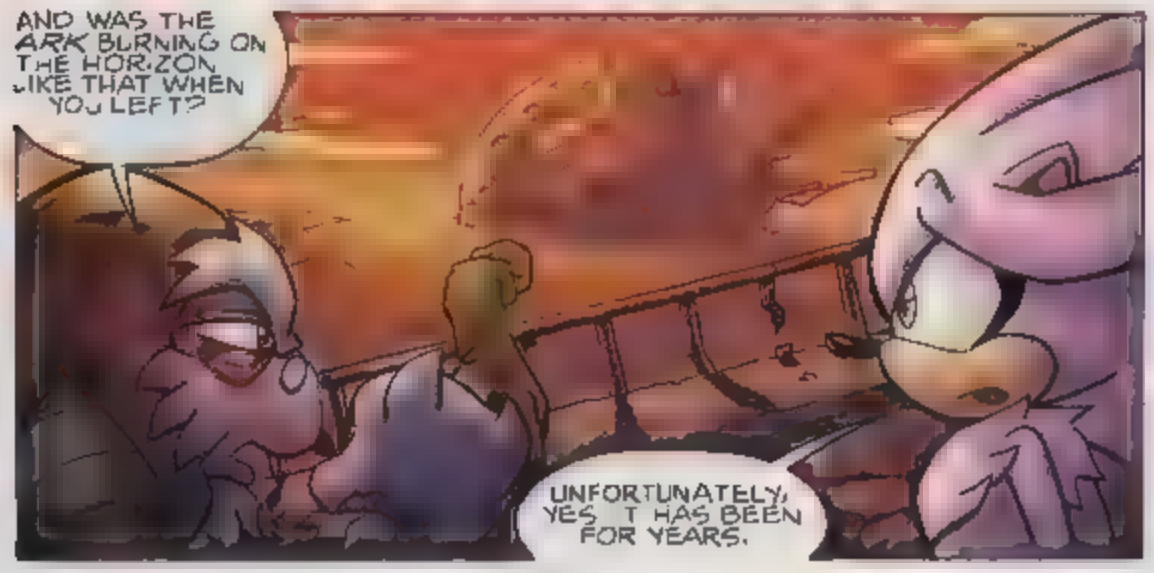
GOOD AFTERNOON GUARDIAN EDMUND. IT'S ME SILVER

SILVER? SILVER HMM .

OH, RIGHT! THE BOY W TH THE FUNNY HA R OUT TO SAVE ALL OF T ME HOW D THAT WORK OUT FOR YOU?
NOT SO GOOD THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME DO MY RESEARCH THOUGH


I D D? BAH. I'M OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OLD. I WAS BOUND TO GO SENILE ONE OF THESE DAYS.
IT'S NOT THAT, S R. YOU DON'T REMEMBER BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DE-SYNCHED FROM T ME.


DON'T PATRONIZE ME SILVER
SILVER.
I MEAN IT, THOUGH.
EVERY TIME I CHANGE SOMETHING IN THE PAST, IT CHANGES THINGS HERE WHEN I COME BACK TO THIS POINT IN TIME, I M UNAFFECTED BY THE CHANGE BUT YOU'VE LIVED THROUGH IT AND DON'T NOT CE IT
UH HUH.


AND WAS THE ARK BURNING ON THE HORIZON LIKE THAT WHEN YOU LEFT?
UNFORTUNATELY, YES IT HAS BEEN FOR YEARS.

AND I SUPPOSE YOU REMEMBER THE GREAT KRUDZU SPORE?

NO, THAT'S NEW TO ME.

REALLY?

TOO BAD. YOU WERE QUITE THE MARVEL WHEN YOU DESTROYED THE ROOT

I WAS?

HEH HEH-- WHAT CAN I SAY?

TIME TRAVEL

ARE YOU STILL-- HRMPH!-- WORKING FOR THAT SAD SACK OF LIES?

MY MASTER TAUGHT ME HOW TO USE MY POWERS. I STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN FROM HIM

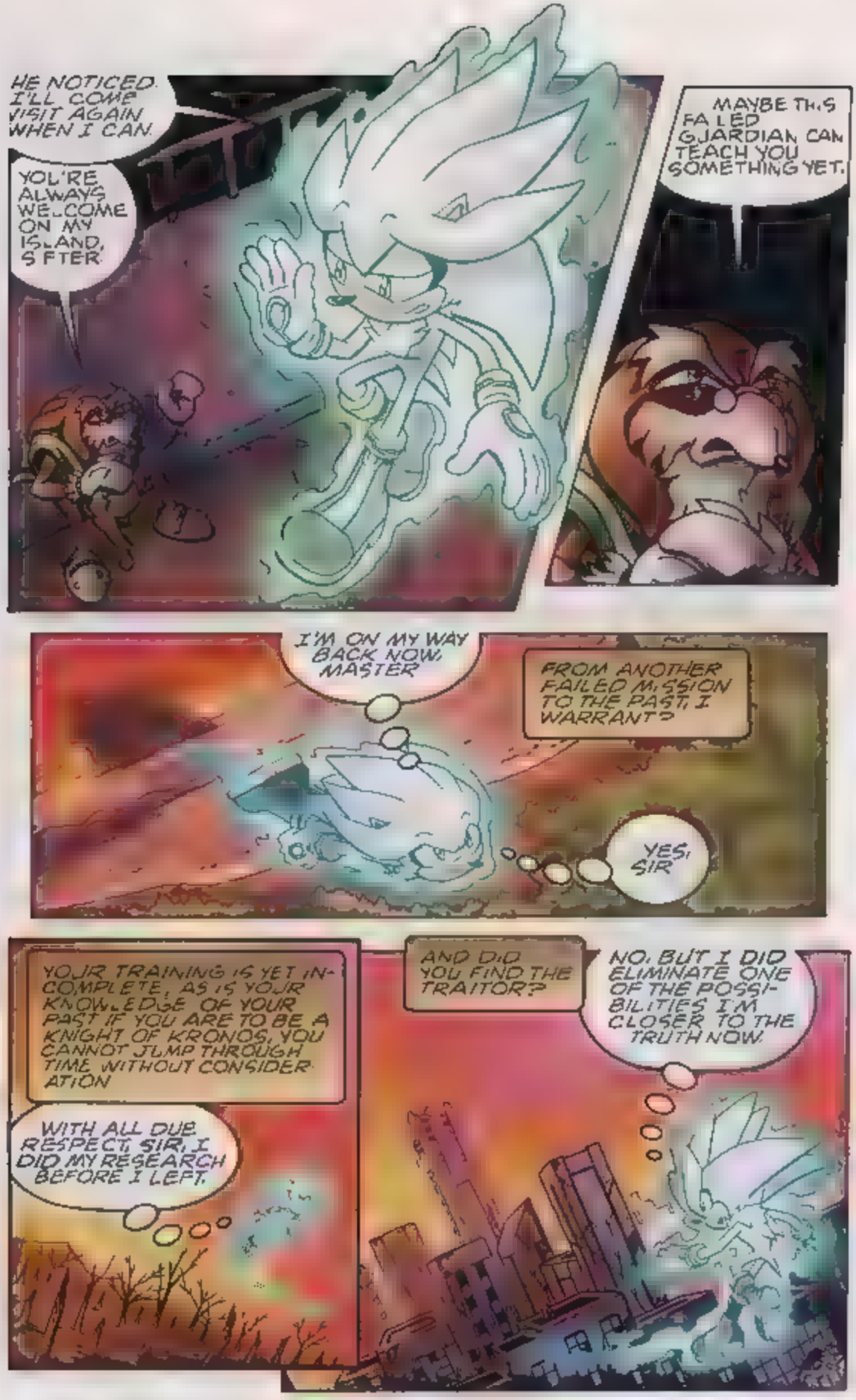
I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF HIM TEACHING YOU ANYTHING. THAT ASIDE, DO YOU THINK HE NOTICED YOU LEFT?

I'M HOPING NOT.

YOU DO NOT GIVE ME ENOUGH CREDIT, APPRENTICE

GAH!

RETURN TO ME


HE NOTICED. I'LL COME VISIT AGAIN WHEN I CAN.
YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME ON MY ISLAND, SFTER.
MAYBE THIS FALED GJARDIAN CAN TEACH YOU SOMETHING YET.
I'M ON MY WAY BACK NOW, MASTER
FROM ANOTHER FAILED MISSION TO THE PAST, I WARRANT?
YES, SIR
YOUR TRAINING IS YET INCOMPLETE, AS IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR PAST IF YOU ARE TO BE A KNIGHT OF KRONOS, YOU CANNOT JUMP THROUGH TIME WITHOUT CONSIDERATION
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, I DID MY RESEARCH BEFORE I LEFT.
AND DID YOU FIND THE TRAITOR?
NO, BUT I DID ELIMINATE ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES I'M CLOSER TO THE TRUTH NOW.

AH, "THE TRUTH." CAN WE TRULY ASCERTAIN WHAT "THE TRUTH" IS? IF IT IS AS WE PERCEIVE IT, AND IF OUR PERCEPTIONS ARE INHERENTLY BIASED, IS THE TRUTH "ITSELF ETERNALLY MALLEABLE?
YOU'VE LOST ME, SIR. AM I STILL GETTING YELLED AT?
I DO NOT YELL, CHILD. I MERELY CHASTISE. YOU ARE GIFTED WITH IMMEASURABLE POWER, AND I WISH ONLY TO SAVE YOU FROM MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES I MADE IN THE PAST.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SOMEONE AS WISE AS YOU COULD MAKE MISTAKES, SIR.
PREPARE US DINNER FOR THE EVENING, AND WE SHALL REFLECT UPON YOUR LATEST ADVENTURE.
RIGHT AWAY...
I MADE MANY, AND MOST OF THEM DIRE, I AM SAD TO SAY.
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT. CAN WE GO BACK TO TALKING NOW? I'M NO GOOD WITH TELEPATHY, AND I'VE GOT A HEADACHE...
OF COURSE. OF COURSE.
... MAMMOTH MOGUL.
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DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PRINT [illegible] SOME PRINTED LETTERS [illegible]

Dear Sonic Grams,
I realized that it's been over three years since my sister and I started reading Sonic the Hedgehog!

One more year and you'll have earned yourself a Bachelor's Degree in awesomeness!

Whenever I get a comic in the mail I read it immediately! xo

I do the same thing! ...I also run around screaming "It's new Sonic day! It's new Sonic day! "...though I probably should keep that to myself...

I started organizing my comics by number. I have a couple gaps at the beginning, but once my sister and I are rich & semi-famous, we'll get all the archives for our collection to be complete! I become inspired after reading every comic book to draw and create my own story - so thank you for being the ones who have sparked the artistic flame inside of me!

When you work around so much paper, flame-sparking becomes tricky business! Kids, leave the flame sparking to the professionals!

Sonic is not just entertaining, but teaches us lessons, ignites our creativity and makes us laugh too!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,
Zoe K.
from California

Thank YOU, Zoe! It's letters like these and fans like you who make creating Sonic comics such a pleasure!

Dear Sonic Grams,
I'd like you to give SILVER THE HEDGEHOG a mini-series! Silver can beat Sonic! I LOOOOOVE SILVER!!!!

Silver's #1 fan,
Joey B.
from Oregon

Wait, do you like Silver? I couldn't tell...

Dear Sonic Grams,
Go team Sonic/Amy and team Sally/Monkey Khan!

Rah! Rah! Rah!

I've got QUESTIONS:
1) Does Amy have a super form?

If she does, I'm sure it is terrifying.

2) Are the Sonic Archives going to be drawn like the current comics?

The Sonic Archives Graphic Novel series (which you should all run out and buy ::cough::) collects past issues of Sonic the Hedgehog, so any art you see in there (beyond the digitally re-mastered colors) is in its original form.

3) Any plans for anti-Fiona?

Ah, Fiona's Moebian counter-part, eh? No plans at the moment - but sweet idea!

Hope you can answer these!

Team Sonic/Amy 4 life,
Rick J.
from North Carolina

Thanks for the letter, Rick!

Dear Sonic Grams,
I'm Sam, a home-schooled kid - which means my mom teaches me. It's awesome!

Sweet! No smelly school buses for you!

I began reading Sonic at issue #12, then after that I got issue #203! You've got more than 200 Sonic comics! WOW! I'm interested in reading Sonic Universe now, but I have a question about it. Why make different Sonic titles like Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, Sonic X and others??!

While Sonic the Hedgehog follows the Blue Blur's adventures, Sonic Universe allows us to see places we've never seen before and expand on the stories and characters that fans have been clamoring for!

Keep up the good work!

Sam M.
from Washington

Thanks for the letter, Sam! Don't forget to write in to "My Sonic Universe" & let us know how you're liking things!

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